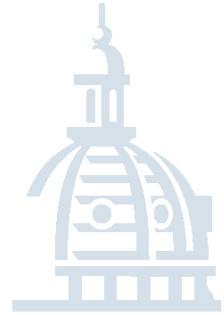


## FISCAL UPDATE Article

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### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING — JANUARY 2017

**Meeting.** The State Board of Education met in the State Capitol in Des Moines on January 19, 2017. The Board heard public comments from members of a dyslexia advocacy group regarding proposed administrative rules for teacher preparation programs (281 Iowa Administration Code (IAC) chapter 79). Group members requested that the Board continue to evaluate and review requirements for elementary classroom teacher endorsements and the requirements around reading. The Board also heard a legislative update and reviews of the major reports that have recently been published, including the [Annual Condition of Education Report](#), the [Annual Condition of Iowa's Community Colleges Report](#), and the [Postsecondary Readiness Report](#).

**Director's Update.** Iowa Department of Education Director Ryan Wise reported that all yearly reports have been filed. The [interim report on the Teacher Leadership and Compensation System](#) showed a slight performance dip, but teachers reported better collaboration, professional development, and school culture. The [Iowa social studies standards](#) are online and available for public comment as the Social Studies Standards Review Team moves forward with its review.

**Rules Review.** The Board reviewed administrative rules set to be noticed or adopted and filed. Rules that were adopted with little or no change included those on educational programs standards and requirements for children's residential facilities, and IAC chapter 46 rules on Career and Technical Education (CTE). Although there was significant public comment on the CTE rules, the rules closely parallel the CTE legislation ([HF 2393](#)) on which they were based, so there were no substantive changes. The Board also approved the notice of IAC chapter 65 rules related to the distribution of funding for innovative programs for at-risk elementary students.

Due to significant public comment on the IAC chapter 79 rules regarding teacher preparation programs, the rules that were noticed were changed in order to include dyslexia-specific language in two sections of the rules.

**Other Business.** The Board approved the educator preparation program at Grinnell College under IAC chapter 79 rules and the Morningside College teacher intern program under IAC chapter 77 rules. The Board also heard a presentation on the establishment of cut scores for the English Language Proficiency Assessment and adopted the Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards.

**Condition of Education Report and Iowa School Report Card.** The [Annual Condition of Education Report](#) will be posted to the Department website. In the future, there will be a webpage with this information so that statewide data will be available for analysis to the district level. Trends highlighted in the report include:

- Decreasing nonpublic enrollment, with increasing public enrollment expected over the next five years.
- Increasing diversity in schools.
- Growth in the smallest and largest school districts, with enrollment decreases in the middle-sized school districts (i.e., those with 300-2,500 students).
- Increasing teacher salaries.

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